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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
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ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, [WHO IS
CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE] PROVIDED ~~(S)~~(U)
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

"OPERATION CONDOR" IS THE CODE NAME FOR THE COLLECTION,
EXCHANGE AND STORAGE OF INTELLIGENCE DATA CONCERNING SOCALLED
"LEFTISTS," COMMUNISTS AND MARXISTS, WHICH WAS RECENTLY
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN COOPERATING INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN SOUTH
AMERICA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MARXIST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN
THE AREA. IN ADDITION, "OPERATION CONDOR" PROVIDES FOR JOINT

- 1 - 109-10 (FPM-BOLIVIA) 1 - 109-FPM PARAGUAY)
- 1 - 109-1 (FPM-Uruguay) (1 - 157-UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER)
- 1 - 80-84 [(POIRE)] ~~(S)~~(U)

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OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORIST TARGETS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF

"OPERATION CONDOR." CHILE IS THE CENTER FOR "OPERATION CONDOR" AND IN ADDITION TO CHILE ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY. BRAZIL ALSO HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO SUPPLY INTELLIGENCE INPUT FOR "OPERATION CONDOR." MEMBERS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" SHOWING THE MOST ENTHUSIASM TO DATE HAVE BEEN ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND CHILE. THE LATTER THREE COUNTRIES HAVE ENGAGED IN JOINT OPERATIONS, PRIMARILY IN ARGENTINA, AGAINST THE TERRORIST TARGET. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, THE [DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TRAVELED TO SANTIAGO, CHILE, TO CONSULT WITH HIS CHILEAN COUNTERPARTS] WITH ~~(S)~~ (U) RESPECT TO "OPERATION CONDOR."

A THIRD AND MOST SECRET PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" INVOLVES THE FORMATION OF SPECIAL TEAMS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO ARE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TO NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT SANCTIONS UP TO ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS OR SUPPORTERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD A TERRORIST OR A SUPPORTER OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION FROM A MEMBER COUNTRY OF "OPERATION CONDOR" BE LOCATED IN A EUROPEAN COUNTRY, A SPECIAL

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TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO LOCATE AND SURVEIL THE TARGET. WHEN THE LOCATION AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATION HAS TERMINATED, A SECOND TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTUAL SANCTION AGAINST THE TARGET. SPECIAL TEAMS WOULD BE ISSUED FALSE DOCUMENTATION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES OF "OPERATION CONDOR" AND MAY BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF NATIONS FROM ONE MEMBER NATION OF "OPERATION CONDOR" OR MAY BE COMPOSED OF A MIXED GROUP FROM VARIOUS "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER NATIONS. TWO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FOR POSSIBLE OPERATIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ARE FRANCE AND PORTUGAL.

A SPECIAL TEAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED [IN ARGENTINA MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION,] WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR."

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(2 CR 3 1f) ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO HORACIO POIRE, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE SPECIAL GROUP, WHICH WILL POSSIBLY PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR." COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING THAT SANCTIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER IN WASHINGTON, D. C. MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AS A THIRD PHASE ACTION OF "OPERATION CONDOR." AS NOTED ABOVE, INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SOURCE INDICATES THAT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE THIRD PHASE ACTIONS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" IN EUROPE, SPECIFICALLY FRANCE AND PORTUGAL. THIS OFFICE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF LETELIER MAY BE PART OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ACTION.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA THE DCM

3/6/75

LEGAL ATTACHE, ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (S) (U)

An official of the FPA, Department of Federal Security, provided the following information; on 3/5/75: (U)

On Thursday, 2/27/75, FPA Chief Luis Margaride made a highly confidential visit to Asuncion, Paraguay, departing in the early morning and returning the same evening. The source was unable to provide any information with regard to the purpose of Margaride's trip. (U)

On 2/24/75, FPA Chief Margaride directed an internal FPA secret order to the Chief of the Department of Federal Security instructing that in the future no information from Department of Federal Security files is to be provided to the Argentine Army without first clearing the information personally with Margaride. (U)

Source advised he believes the reason for Margaride's instructions originates over conflicts that have arisen between the FPA and the Argentine Army in connection with the latter's anti-guerrilla sweeps in the Province of Tucuman. (U)

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(1 - 109-3 FPM-Paraguay) (U)

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